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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.1 million during the week ending January 12, 2008. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2007, but virtually unchanged from the previous week. The placements included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.5 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

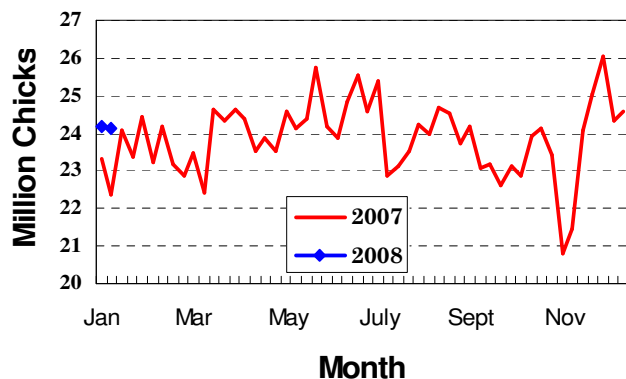
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 12, 2008, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year	2006-2007	2007-2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Dec. 8	23,249	25,051	108	23,310	23,949	103	26,712	27,993	105
Dec. 15	23,902	26,043	109	23,025	24,089	105	27,928	27,840	100
Dec. 22	23,868	24,319*	102	23,164	24,264*	105	27,640	28,008*	101
Dec. 29	22,868	24,567	107	22,257	23,346	105	27,686	28,473	103
Jan. 5	23,300	24,161*	104	23,166	23,353	101	27,371	28,548	104
Jan. 12	23,353	24,147	108	22,957	23,503	102	27,552	28,234	102

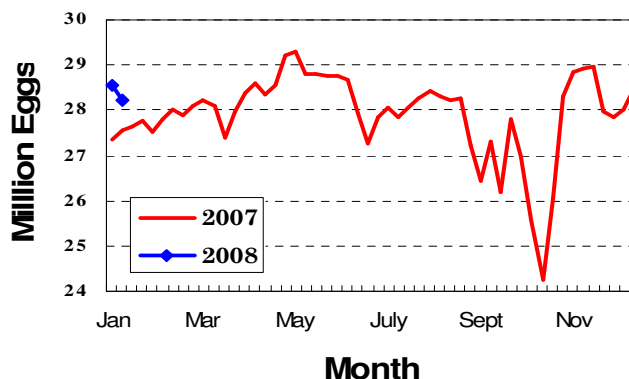
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 15, 2007 - January 12, 2008

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending							Week Ending						
	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	% 1/	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	% 1/		
	Thousand							Thousand						
Alabama	31,927	32,113 *	32,157	31,692 *	32,012	105	21,911	21,980	21,717	21,166 *	21,432	107		
Arkansas	27,840	28,008 *	28,473	28,548	28,234	102	26,043	24,319 *	24,567	24,161 *	24,147	108		
Delaware	4,159	4,133	4,153	4,185	4,188	110	5,343	4,482	4,696 *	5,199	5,113	115		
Florida	1,364	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,339	98	1,313	1,367	1,307	1,375	1,394	103		
Georgia	36,213	36,581 *	36,366	36,719 *	35,299	100	29,706	29,388	28,747	29,961 *	29,703	104		
Kentucky	7,670 *	7,796 *	7,565	7,790 *	7,426	94	6,336	6,798	6,298	5,951 *	5,944	96		
Louisiana	3,846	3,675 *	3,710 *	3,706	3,685	100	3,586	4,031	3,480	3,849	3,467	94		
Maryland	8,669	9,015	9,008	9,042	9,056	104	5,489	6,255	6,207	6,171	5,870	93		
Mssissippi	18,924	19,075	18,861	17,832	18,495	102	17,081	17,284	17,003	17,450	17,622	107		
N. Carolina	19,851	19,436 *	19,961	19,793	19,985	108	16,335	16,388	16,201	16,444	16,012	104		
Oklahoma	6,560	6,597	6,630	6,660 *	6,789	103	3,797	4,595 *	4,371 *	5,219	4,854	82		
Pennsylvania	3,977	4,371	4,308 *	4,345 *	4,374	110	3,201	3,263	3,104 *	3,053 *	3,287	111		
S. Carolina	5,607	5,669	5,457	5,515 *	5,660	103	4,363	4,959	4,628	4,304	5,170	103		
Texas	14,717	15,473 *	15,470	14,936 *	14,945	104	12,871	12,833	12,755	12,367	12,943	109		
Virginia	6,226	6,207	6,225	6,197	5,999	97	5,206	5,344	5,382	4,397 *	5,138	110		
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,321 *	19,450 *	19,418 *	19,632 *	18,963	100	16,925 *	16,932 *	15,652	17,700 *	17,161	109		
19 State Total	217,871 *	218,938 *	219,101 *	217,931 *	216,449		179,506 *	180,218 *	176,115 *	178,767 *	179,257			
Prev. Year Total	211,893	209,627	211,375	210,475	211,204		172,412	173,573	168,485	172,967	171,178			
% of Prev. Year	103	104	104	104	102		104	104	105	103	105			
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar			

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 12, 2008. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2008. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 12, 2008 were 358 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.